GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:432
ANSWERED ON:31.03.2017
Emergency Contraceptives
Simha Shri Prathap

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether young women turning to the internet often fall prey to misinformation, self-medication when it comes to emergency contraceptives, ending up with complications and at times even pregnancy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to ban over the counter sale of morning- after pills/ emergency contraceptives in view of its abuse/misuse and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has announced mass roll out of injectable contraceptives and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also plans to launch an awareness campaign/ counselling for girls/young women and mothers about safe contraceptive methods as an emergency measure, with advice from doctor/with medical supervision and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether India"s market for these pills grew by 88 per cent between 2009-14 with a compound annual growth rate of 13.4 per cent and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

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(a) No. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not maintain any such data.
(b) No. At present, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has no proposal to ban over the counter sale of contraceptives.
(c) Yes. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recently approved Injectable contraceptives for introduction under the National Family Planning Program. It has been decided to implement it in a phased manner starting from Medical Colleges, District Hospitals followed by Sub district hospitals, Community Health Centers and subsequently to Primary Health Centers and Subcenters.

(d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has undertaken a 360 degree re-designed holistic Family planning awareness campaign through print, electronic, social media, outdoor publicity, exhibitions, melas, etc. to influence the demand for family planning services and spread awareness about various available contraceptive methods and other issues surrounding contraception.
(e) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not maintain any such data.

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